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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of General James H. Doolittle

1. On the basis of a previous telephone conversation between [redacted] and Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, member of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, during which General Doolittle requested some information on certain specific TSD and DPD activities, a briefing was arranged for the General in Room 297, Executive Office Building, at 0900, 11 May, covering the following subjects:

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b) The location of the emergency destruct button on the present U-2 aircraft and its possible relocation.

c) Methods for the emergency destruction of specific electronic and photographic equipment during flight.

d) Ideas for the ultimate pulverization or vaporization for an entire aircraft in flight.

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2. Present at the meeting were:

[redacted] C/TSD
Dr. Sidney Gottlieb, AC/TSD/R&D

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Mr. Eugene P. Kiefer, SA/TA/DPD
[redacted] C/SPB/DPD

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3. Attached to this memorandum is a detailed account of the items covered by the TSD personnel in this briefing.

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4. The personnel from DPD discussed the destruct button problem in the U-2 aircraft, which discussion can be summarized by saying that there has been no change in the position of the destruct button and no change is contemplated. The discussion on this subject went into Powers' problems during his escape from the aircraft in some detail, with Mr. Kiefer and [] doing all of the explaining. 25X1

5. In addition to the matters described above some discussion was held about the lack of a well defined objective as far as the desired extent of non-attributability is concerned. General Doolittle made the point that, irrespective of the total answer to this question, [] 25X1
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and left the distinct impression that he did not feel that this [] 25X1
requirement needed any further definition, but rather that hardware needed to be developed forthwith.

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